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FOR Farm Family of the WeekDATE Fri. Feb. 21, 1958

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TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

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CAMERA ON EANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-2
HOUSESLIDE FARM-1
HOUSE

AUDIO

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO MR. B.H. DIXON, THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT OF LEAKE COUNTY AND TO ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, EARL LOCKE, FOR THEIR VERY FINE HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND ESPECIALLY TO EARL LOCKE FOR GOING WITH ME TO THIS FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. W.C. (BILLY) McPHAIL AND THEIR TWO SONS WHO LIVE IN THE FREE TRADE COMMUNITY OF LEAKE COUNTY, ABOUT 11 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CARTHAGE, MISSISSIPPI. ACTUALLY, ONLY ONE SON IS AT HOME NOW...24 YEAR OLD BILLY KENDALL IS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, STATIONED IN JAPAN. BILLY MCPHAIL GREW UP ON THIS AND THE ADJOINING FARM WHERE HIS FATHER STILL LIVES. BILLY PCPHAIL TODAY FARMS 108½ ACRES OF HIS OWN LAND AND RENTS SOME ADDITIONAL CORN LAND. BILLY' FATHER BOUGHT THE ORIGINAL 80 ACRES OF THIS FARM 40 YEARS AGO AND LATER SOLD IT TO BILLY'S GRANDFATHER. BILLY'S GRANDFATHER IN TURN, SOLD IT TO A COUSIN OF BILLY'S AND BILLY BOUGHT IT FROM HIM IN ABOUT 1947. MRS. MCPHAIL ALSO GREW UP IN THE STANDING PINE COMMUNITY. SHE AND BILLY WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AT STANDING PINE

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	<p>SCHOOL AS CHILDREN. THEY WERE CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS AND WERE, IN FACT MARRIED IN 1933 WHEN THEY WERE BOTH 16 YEARS OF AGE. MRS. MCPHAIL WAS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. ED FREENY, WELL KNOWN IN LEAKE COUNTY. WHEN THEY WERE MARRIED BILLY WAS LIVING ON A FARM ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF EAST, WHICH HE RENTED, AND ON WHICH HE WORKED WAGE HANDS WHILE HE LOGGED FOR A LIVING. BILLY CONTINUED LOGGING UNTIL HER WENT INTO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY IN 1942. SHORTLY AFTER HE CAME OUT OF SERVICE IN 1946 BILLY WAS INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AND WAS UNABLE TO WORK FOR ABOUT A YEAR. AS HE RECUPERATED FROM HIS INJURY HE BOUGHT HIS FIRST 80 ACRES OF LAND IN FACT, HE HAD TO WAIT FOR THE CROP TO BE GATHERED BEFORE HE COULD TAKE OVER. HE WENT TO WORK AND TORE DOWN THE OLD HOUSE AND BUILT THE FRONT FOUR ROOMS OF THIS THEIR PRESENT HOME. IN THE BEGINNING FARMING FOR MR. AND MRS. BILLY MCPHAIL WAS MOSTLY COTTON AND CORN WITH SAHRE CROPPERS HANDLING THE COTTON. ABOUT A YEAR AFTER THEY CAME HERE MR. AND MRS. MCPHAIL BORROWED A COW FROM MRS. MCPHAIL'S FATHER AND LATER BOUGHT HER. ABOUT A YEAR AFTER THEY CAME HERE TO THEIR FIRST REAL HOME, THEY HAD ACCUMULATED A FEW COWS</p>

SLIDE FARM-3
MILK HOUSE

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SLIDE FARM-4
COWS

SLIDE FARM-5
COWS

SLIDE FARM-6
COWS

SLIDE FARM-7
COW

WHICH THEY MILKED BY HAND AND WERE SENDING THEIR MILK TO PHILADELPHIA FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES. THEY CONTINUED TO SELL MANUFACTURING MILK UNTIL THEY SWITCHED OVER TO THEIR PRESENT GRADE "A" DAIRY PROGRAM IN 1952. IT WAS IN THAT YEAR THAT THEY BUILT THIS MILKING PARLOR AND DELIVERED MILK FROM 11 COWS WHICH THEY WERE MILKING. TODAY THEIR TOTAL HERD CONSISTS OF 28 MILK COWS, 8 HEIFERS, 10 CALVES AND TWO BULLS AND THEY ARE PRESENTLY MILKING 26 COWS NIGHT AND MORNING. MOST OF THE ANIMALS IN THIS DAIRY HERD ARE REGISTERED AND ALL BUT ONE ARE JERSEYS. THE HERD IS TB TESTED AND BANGS FREE. BILLY MCPHAIL GIVES MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR HIS DAIRY SUCCESS TO HIS FATHER. BILLY'S FATHER IS A COW TRADER AND COMMUNITY VETERINARIAN AND BILLY SAYS HE HAS BEEN OF TREMENDOUS HELP IN GETTING HIM SOME GOOD COWS AND DOING HIS VETERINARY WORK. BILLY CULLS HIS HERD VERY CLOSE TO GET RID OF ALL THE POOR PRODUCERS AND BELIEVE ME THE WAY HE HAS PULLED UP HIS HERD AVERAGE IN MILK PRODUCTION SHOWS THAT IT IS PAYING OFF. BILLY CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND SAVES MOST OF HIS BEST HEIFERS FROM HIS HIGHEST PRODUCING COWS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT EARL LOCKE

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SLIDE FARM-8
BULL

SLIDE FARM-9
INSIDE BARN

SLIDE FARM-10
COW

ENCOURAGED BILLY TO EXHIBIT SOME OF HIS ANIMALS IN SURROUNDING DAIRY SHOWS AND LAST YEAR THIS COW AND HIS BULL WERE GRAND CHAMPION AT THE COUNTY SHOW. BILLY ALSO GOT BLUE RIBBONS ON EVERYTHING HE ENTERED IN THE STATE DAIRY SHOW AT KOSCIUSKO. HIS MAJOR EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ON GOOD BREEDING AND GOOD FEEDING. HE HAS ALWAYS USED A REGISTERED HERD SIRE IN HIS PROGRAM AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO BREED UP HIS HERD TO TOP PRODUCING ANIMALS. THE MILKING IS DONE IN A VERY MODERN TWO COW MILKING PARLOR WITH A PIPE LINE MILKER. BY THE WAY I MIGHT MENTION HERE THAT BILLY STILL RAISES SOME COTTON ON THE SHARES. HE DOES IT MOSTLY BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT THE ONLY WAY HE IS ABLE TO KEEP LABOR ON THE FARM TO HELP WITH THE OTHER PHASES OF HIS PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO THE ONE TENNANT WHO LIVES ON THE FARM, A YOUNG NEPHEW, MICKEY CRAFT, HELPS WITH THE DAIRY PROGRAM AND HE IS THE YOUNG GENTLEMAN YOU WILL SEE WORKING IN THE DAIRY BARN. AS EACH COW COMES INTO THE BARN SHE IS IMMEDIATELY FED A RATION OF CRUSHED CORN, SOYBEAN MEAL, WHEAT BRAND AND RICE BRAN, OAT HAY, SALT AND MINERAL ALL CRUSHED AND MIXED TOGETHER TO MAKE ABOUT A 17 PERCENT DAIRY RATION. EACH COW'S UDDER AND

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SLIDE FARM-11
COW IN BARN

SLIDE FARM-12
COW IN BARN

SLIDE FARM-13
COW IN BARN

SLIDE FARM-14
COOLER

SLIDE FARM-15
FEED BIN

FLANKS ARE WASHED AND DRIED BEFORE THE MILKER IS ATTACHED. WHEN BILLY MCPHAIL EMBARKED ON HIS GRADE "A" DAIRY PROGRAM HIS AVERAGE PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT 4,000 POUNDS OF MILK PER COW PER YEAR. TODAY HIS HERD AVERAGE IS ABOUT 8,500 POUNDS OF MILK PER COW PER YEAR. IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN DOUBLED IN ABOUT SIX YEARS. THE MILK IS NEVER TOUCHED BY HUMAN HANDS. IT GOES DIRECTLY FROM THE COW'S UDDER THROUGH A SANITARY PIPELINE INTO THE MILK COOLER IN THE PROCESSING ROOM WHERE IT IS KEPT COOLED UNTIL IT IS PICKED UP EACH DAY AND BROUGHT TO JACKSON TO THE PET MILK COMPANY. SANITATION IS THE KEY TO MANY A SUCCESSFUL DAIRY PROGRAM AND BELIEVE ME IT PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN THIS ONE. IN ADDITION TO THE RATION WHICH I MENTIONED A WHILE AGO, BILLY ALSO PUTS BLACKSTRAP MOLASSES IN THE RATION TOO. HERE WE SEE HIM SHOWING THE FEED TO ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT EARL LOCKE. IN ADDITION TO THE FEED THE COWS GET WHILE THEY ARE BEING MILKED, EACH MORNING THEY ARE FED CRUSHED CORN, BALED OATS MEAL, SALT AND MOLASSES IN FEED BUNKS DOWN IN THE PASTURE. OF COURSE THIS IS FED ONLY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AND ALL COWS GET IT WHETHER THEY ARE MILKING OR NOT. ALL CALVES GET FEED

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SLIDE FARM-16
PASTURE

NIGHT AND MORNING. BELIEVE ME I THINK THIS IS AN EXCELLENT FEEDING PROGRAM AND THE CONDITION OF BILLY MCPHAIL'S HERD BEARS OUT THAT BELIEF. PERMANENT PASTURE FOR THE DAIRY HERD IS SUPPLIED BY ABOUT 62 ACRES OF BAHIA GRASS, BERMUDA GRASS WHITE DUTCH CLOVER AND CRIMSON CLOVER. ALL OF THE PERMANENT PASTURE LAND IS IMPROVED, MINERALIZED PASTURE LAND. PASTURE LAND IS BROKEN INTO TWO AREAS FOR GRAZING ROTATION...AL PASTURES ARE LIMED AND CLIPPED FOR WEED CONTROL.

SLIDE FARM-17
OAT FIELD

TEMPORARY GRAZING IS SUPPLIED IN THE WINTER AND SPRING FROM 27 ACRES OF OATS. SOME OF IT IS GRAZED DOWN COMPLETELY AND SOME OF IT IS GRAZED ONLY UNTIL MARCH WHEN THE CATTLE ARE TAKEN OFF AND IT IS LATER CUT FOR HAY. TEMPORARY SUMMER GRAZING IS SUPPLIED BY 15 ACRES OF MILLET. BILL PUTS UP ABOUT 2,000 BALES OF HIS OWN HAY AND SOME MORE BESIDES. HE DOES SOME CUSTOM WORK AND IF ANYONE WANTS TO PAY HIM IN HAY INSTEAD OF MONEY HE TAKES IT. HE DOESN'T THINK HE CAN GET TOO MUCH HAY. BILLY SAYS THEIR'S NO WAY ON HIS LAND TO PUT UP TOO MUCH FEED. HE HAS ABOUT 45 ACRES IN CORN EACH YEAR WHICH YIELDS ABOUT 50 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. HE FEEDS IT ALL AND BUYS SOME TOO.

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POND

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SLIDE FARM-19
TIMBER

SLIDE FARM-20
CANNED FOOD

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ALL CATTLE GET HAY FREE CHOICE IN THE WINTER AND IF GRAZING IS SHORT. WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK IS SUPPLIED FROM THIS STOCKPOND AND A STREAM THAT FLOWS THE YEAR AROUND. BILLY MCPHAIL ALSO HAS A LITTLE PINE TIMBER...ABOUT SIX ACRES OF IT HE HAS TAKEN THE HARDWOOD OUT OF IT AND USES IT PRIMARILY FOR SHELTER FOR HIS CATTLE. HE HAS SEVERAL SHELTER BELTS AROUND THE FARM. MOST OF THE ~~LUMBER~~ IN THE HOUSE AND A TENNANT HOUSE CAME FROM BILLY'S TIMBER. HE ALSO CUTS HIS OWN FENCE POSTS AND HIS LAND IS FENCED AND CROSS FENCED. BILLY MCPHAIL'S LAND IS TERRACED AND HE FARMS ON THE CONTOUR. I'VE ONLY HIT THE HIGH SPOTS OF BILLY MCPHAIL'S FARM STORY...HE HAS A SOIL PLAN ON THE FARM...HE IS ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM OF THE EXTENSION SERVICE AND HAS BEEN FOR TWO YEARS AND UNDER THAT PROGRA HE HAS IMPROVED HIS BREEDING AND FEEDING AND HAS STARTED TESTING HIS SOIL AND HAS INCREASED HIS PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY GRAZING AREAS...AND ON AND ON I COULD GO...BUT IF I DID, YOU WOULDN' HEAR AT ALL ABOUT THE FINE HOMEMAKING PROGRAM WHICH MRS. MCPHAIL CARRIES ON....SO LET'S GO ON TO IT. FROM HER HALF ACRE GARDEN MRS. MCPHAIL FREEZES ABOUT 1200 POUNDS OF FOOD EACH

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SLIDE FARM21
KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-22
PASTEURIZER

SLIDE FARM-23
FAMILY

YEAR AND PUTS IT IN HER HOME FREEZER. IN ADDITION SHE CANS 150 TO 200 QUARTS OF FOOD IN JARS. HERE WE SEE 8 YEAR OLD GARY MARCUS TRYING TO TALK HIS MOTHER INTO ONE OF HIS FAVORITE FOODS FOR LAST MONDAY NIGHT'S SUPPER. MRS. MCPHAIL LIKES TO COOK AND RELIES VERY HEAVILY ON ELECTRICITY IN HER KITCHEN. IN FACT, UNTIL A YEAR OR SO AGO, HER ONLY MEANS OF HEATING WAS WITH ELECTRICITY. MR. AND MRS. MCPHAIL SAY THAT MR. OLEN NICHOLSON OF THE CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION OF CARTHAGE WAS A GREAT HELP TO THEM IN WIRING THEIR HOUSE WHEN THEY ADDED TWO MORE ROOMS ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. THEY SAY HE NOT ONLY HELPED TO WIRE THE HOUSE BUT THE BARN TOO. ONE OF THE MUSTS IN HER KITCHEN IS THE ELECTRIC PASTEURIZER WHICH YOU SEE HERE. NO MILK IS DRUNK UNTIL IT IS PASTEURIZED EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW THEIR HERD IS A CLEAN HERD. MR. AND MRS. MCPHAIL HOPE TO ADD ANOTHER ROOM AND A GARAGE. THEY DON'T KNOW JUST WHEN BUT IT'S A PART OF THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL LIVE AT HOME FAMILY. THEY ARE QUICK TO SAY THAT IT HASN'T BEEN AN EASY LIFE ALL THE WAY BUT THEY LIKE IT AND HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. THOUGH SON, BILLY KENDALL IS IN

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CAMERA ON FAMILY

JAPAN SERVING HIS COUNTRY HE'S RIGHT THERE AT HOME IN SPIRIT EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY. AND THOUGH WE COULDN'T GET A PICTURE OF HIM, I DO WANT YOU TO NOTICE HIS PICTURE ON THE COFFEE TABLE. BEFORE HE WENT INTO SERVICE BILLY KENDALL HAD COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE AT DECATUR AND ONE YEAR AT MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN. HE PLANS TO FINISH SCHOOL WHEN HE IS DISCHARGED NEXT DECEMBER AND THEN MAYBE TEACH FOR A WHILE, BUT HE THINKS THAT BEFORE TOO LONG HE WANTS TO COME BACK TO THE FARM. MR. AND MRS. MCPHAIL WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO FARM IF THEY WANT TO BUT ONLY IF THEY WANT TO. MOST OF ALL THEY WANT THEM TO HAVE A GOOD EDUCATION. MRS. MCPHAIL WROTE TO ME AFTER I VISITED THEIR FARM THE OTHER DAY AND SHE HAD THIS TO SAY IN HER LETTER. NEITHER BILL NOR I FINISHED SCHOOL BECAUSE WE MARRIED SO YOUNG, I GUESS THAT'S WHY I'M SO PROUD OF BILLY KENDALL GOING ON TO FINISH COLLEGE...JUST HOPING BOTH OF MY BOYS WILL DO THAT. MR. AND MRS. MCPHAIL AND GARY MARCUS ATTEND THE STANDING PINE BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE SHOCKALO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH. MRS. MCPHAIL HELPS WITH THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DURING THE SUMMER. THEY BELONG TO THE FARM BUREAU AND BILLY IS A DIRECTOR

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OF THE LEAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU. HE IS ALSO
CHAIRMAN OF THE ASC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE. MR.
AND MRS. MCPHAIL ARE QUICK TO SAY THEY DEPEND
VERY MUCH ON THEIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
AND THEIR LENDING AGENCIES AND THEY'VE HAD A LOT
OF WONDERFUL HELP FROM EVERYONE...ALL OF THEM
FRIENDS THEY'RE PROUD OF AND GREATLY INDEBTED
TO. I COULD GO ON AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH TALKIN
ABOUT EVEN MORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT RIGHT NOW
LET'S TALK TO MR. AND MRS. MCPHAIL.